

## 16 USC Ch. 87: FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT

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#### CHAPTER 87—FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT

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### §6801. Definitions

In this chapter:

**(1) Standard amenity recreation fee**

The term "standard amenity recreation fee" means the recreation fee authorized by section 6802(f) of this title.

**(2) Expanded amenity recreation fee**

The term "expanded amenity recreation fee" means the recreation fee authorized by section 6802(g) of this title.

**(3) Entrance fee**

The term "entrance fee" means the recreation fee authorized to be charged to enter onto lands managed by the National Park Service or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

**(4) Federal land management agency**

The term "Federal land management agency" means the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, or the Forest Service.

**(5) Federal recreational lands and waters**

The term "Federal recreational lands and waters" means lands or waters managed by a Federal land management agency.

**(6) National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass**

The term "National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass" means the interagency national pass authorized by section 6804 of this title.

**(7) Passholder**

The term "passholder" means the person who is issued a recreation pass.

**(8) Recreation fee**

The term "recreation fee" means an entrance fee, standard amenity recreation fee, expanded amenity recreation fee, or special recreation permit fee.

**(9) Recreation pass**

The term "recreation pass" means the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass or one of the other recreation passes available as authorized by section 6804 of this title.

**(10) Secretary**

The term "Secretary" means—

(A) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect to a Federal land management agency (other than the Forest Service); and

(B) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to the Forest Service.

**(11) Secretaries**

The term "Secretaries" means the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture acting jointly.

**(12) Special account**

The term "special account" means the special account established in the Treasury under section 6806 of this title for a Federal land management agency.

**(13) Special recreation permit fee**

The term "special recreation permit fee" means the fee authorized by section 6802(h) of this title.

(Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title VIII, §802, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3377.)

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original "this Act", and was translated as reading "this title", meaning title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108–447, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3377, known as the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. For complete classification of title VIII to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

Sections 6802, 6804 and 6806 of this title, referred to in text, were in the original references to sections 3, 5 and 7, respectively, and were translated as meaning sections 803, 805 and 807, respectively, of title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108–447, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

**STATUTORY NOTES AND RELATED SUBSIDIARIES**

**SHORT TITLE OF 2020 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 116–205, §1, Dec. 3, 2020, 134 Stat. 996, provided that: "This Act [amending section 6804 of this title] may be cited as the 'Wounded Veterans Recreation Act'."

**SHORT TITLE**

Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title VIII, §801(a), Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3377, provided that: "This title [enacting this chapter, amending section 460I–6a of this title, repealing sections 3911, 5982, and 5991 to 5995 of this title, and repealing provisions set out as a note under 460I–6a of this title] may be cited as the 'Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act'."

**§6802. Recreation fee authority**

**(a) Authority of Secretary**

Beginning in fiscal year 2005 and thereafter, the Secretary may establish, modify, charge, and collect recreation fees at Federal recreational lands and waters as provided for in this section.

**(b) Basis for recreation fees**

Recreation fees shall be established in a manner consistent with the following criteria:

- (1) The amount of the recreation fee shall be commensurate with the benefits and services provided to the visitor.
- (2) The Secretary shall consider the aggregate effect of recreation fees on recreation users and recreation service providers.
- (3) The Secretary shall consider comparable fees charged elsewhere and by other public agencies and by nearby private sector operators.
- (4) The Secretary shall consider the public policy or management objectives served by the recreation fee.
- (5) The Secretary shall obtain input from the appropriate Recreation Resource Advisory Committee, as provided in section 6803(d) of this title.
- (6) The Secretary shall consider such other factors or criteria as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

**(c) Special considerations**

The Secretary shall establish the minimum number of recreation fees and shall avoid the collection of multiple or layered recreation fees for similar uses, activities, or programs.

**(d) Limitations on recreation fees**

- (1) Prohibition on fees for certain activities or services**

The Secretary shall not charge any standard amenity recreation fee or expanded amenity recreation fee for Federal recreational lands and waters administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, or the Bureau of Reclamation under this chapter for any of the following:

- (A) Solely for parking, undesignated parking, or picnicking along roads or trailsides.
- (B) For general access unless specifically authorized under this section.
- (C) For dispersed areas with low or no investment unless specifically authorized under this section.
- (D) For persons who are driving through, walking through, boating through, horseback riding through, or hiking through Federal recreational lands and waters without using the facilities and services.
- (E) For camping at undeveloped sites that do not provide a minimum number of facilities and services as described in subsection (g)(2)(A).
- (F) For use of overlooks or scenic pullouts.
- (G) For travel by private, noncommercial vehicle over any national parkway or any road or highway established as a part of the Federal-aid System, as defined in section 101 of title 23,<sup>1</sup> which is commonly used by the public as a means of travel between two places either or both of which are outside any unit or area at which recreation fees are charged under this chapter.
- (H) For travel by private, noncommercial vehicle, boat, or aircraft over any road or highway, waterway, or airway to any land in which such person has any property right if such land is within any unit or area at which recreation fees are charged under this chapter.
- (I) For any person who has a right of access for hunting or fishing privileges under a specific provision of law or treaty.
- (J) For any person who is engaged in the conduct of official Federal, State, Tribal, or local government business.
- (K) For special attention or extra services necessary to meet the needs of the disabled.

## **(2) Relation to fees for use of highways or roads**

An entity that pays a special recreation permit fee or similar permit fee shall not be subject to a road cost-sharing fee or a fee for the use of highways or roads that are open to private, noncommercial use within the boundaries of any Federal recreational lands or waters, as authorized under section 537 of this title.

## **(3) Prohibition on fees for certain persons or places**

The Secretary shall not charge an entrance fee or standard amenity recreation fee for the following:

- (A) Any person under 16 years of age.
- (B) Outings conducted for noncommercial educational purposes by schools or bona fide academic institutions.
- (C) The U.S.S. Arizona Memorial, Independence National Historical Park, any unit of the National Park System within the District of Columbia, or Arlington House-Robert E. Lee National Memorial.
- (D) The Flight 93 National Memorial.
- (E) Entrance on other routes into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park or any part thereof unless fees are charged for entrance into that park on main highways and thoroughfares.
- (F) Entrance on units of the National Park System containing deed restrictions on charging fees.
- (G) An area or unit covered under section 203 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Public Law 96-487; 16 U.S.C. 410hh-2), with the exception of Denali National Park and Preserve.
- (H) A unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System created, expanded, or modified by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Public Law 96-487).
- (I) Any person who visits a unit or area under the jurisdiction of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and who has been issued a valid migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp issued under section 718b of this title.
- (J) Any person engaged in a nonrecreational activity authorized under a valid permit issued under any other Act, including a valid grazing permit.

## **(4) No restriction on recreation opportunities**

Nothing in this chapter shall limit the use of recreation opportunities only to areas designated for collection of recreation fees.

## **(e) Entrance fee**

### **(1) Authorized sites for entrance fees**

The Secretary of the Interior may charge an entrance fee for a unit of the National Park System, including a national monument administered by the National Park Service, or for a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

### **(2) Prohibited sites**

The Secretary shall not charge an entrance fee for Federal recreational lands and waters managed by the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, or the Forest Service.

## **(f) Standard amenity recreation fee**

Except as limited by subsection (d), the Secretary may charge a standard amenity recreation fee for Federal recreational lands and waters under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, or the Forest Service, but only at the following:

- (1) A National Conservation Area.
- (2) A National Volcanic Monument.

(3) A destination visitor or interpretive center that provides a broad range of interpretive services, programs, and media.

(4) An area—

- (A) that provides significant opportunities for outdoor recreation;
- (B) that has substantial Federal investments;
- (C) where fees can be efficiently collected; and
- (D) that contains all of the following amenities:
  - (i) Designated developed parking.
  - (ii) A permanent toilet facility.
  - (iii) A permanent trash receptacle.
  - (iv) Interpretive sign, exhibit, or kiosk.
  - (v) Picnic tables.
  - (vi) Security services.

**(g) Expanded amenity recreation fee**

**(1) NPS and USFWS authority**

Except as limited by subsection (d), the Secretary of the Interior may charge an expanded amenity recreation fee, either in addition to an entrance fee or by itself, at Federal recreational lands and waters under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service when the Secretary of the Interior determines that the visitor uses a specific or specialized facility, equipment, or service.

**(2) Other Federal land management agencies**

Except as limited by subsection (d), the Secretary may charge an expanded amenity recreation fee, either in addition to a standard amenity fee or by itself, at Federal recreational lands and waters under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, or the Bureau of Reclamation, but only for the following facilities or services:

(A) Use of developed campgrounds that provide at least a majority of the following:

- (i) Tent or trailer spaces.
- (ii) Picnic tables.
- (iii) Drinking water.
- (iv) Access roads.
- (v) The collection of the fee by an employee or agent of the Federal land management agency.
- (vi) Reasonable visitor protection.
- (vii) Refuse containers.
- (viii) Toilet facilities.
- (ix) Simple devices for containing a campfire.

(B) Use of highly developed boat launches with specialized facilities or services such as mechanical or hydraulic boat lifts or facilities, multi-lane paved ramps, paved parking, restrooms and other improvements such as boarding floats, loading ramps, or fish cleaning stations.

(C) Rental of cabins, boats, stock animals, lookouts, historic structures, group day-use or overnight sites, audio tour devices, portable sanitation devices, binoculars or other equipment.

(D) Use of hookups for electricity, cable, or sewer.

(E) Use of sanitary dump stations.

(F) Participation in an enhanced interpretive program or special tour.

(G) Use of reservation services.

(H) Use of transportation services.

(I) Use of areas where emergency medical or first-aid services are administered from facilities staffed by public employees or employees under a contract or reciprocal agreement with the Federal Government.

(J) Use of developed swimming sites that provide at least a majority of the following:

- (i) Bathhouse with showers and flush toilets.
- (ii) Refuse containers.
- (iii) Picnic areas.
- (iv) Paved parking.
- (v) Attendants, including lifeguards.
- (vi) Floats encompassing the swimming area.
- (vii) Swimming deck.

**(h) Special recreation permit fee**

The Secretary may issue a special recreation permit, and charge a special recreation permit fee in connection with the issuance of the permit, for specialized recreation uses of Federal recreational lands and waters, such as group activities, recreation events, motorized recreational vehicle use.

(Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title VIII, §803, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3378.)

## EDITORIAL NOTES

### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 6803 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b)(5), was in the original a reference to section 4, and was translated as meaning section 804 of title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108–447, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (d)(1), (4), was in the original "this Act", and was translated as reading "this title", meaning title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108–447, [Dec. 8, 2004](#), 118 Stat. 3377, known as the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. For complete classification of title VIII to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6801 of this title and Tables.

Section 101 of title 23, referred to in subsec. (d)(1)(G), was subsequently amended, and section 101 no longer defines "Federal-aid System".

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, referred to in subsec. (d)(3)(H), is Pub. L. 96–487, [Dec. 2, 1980](#), 94 Stat. 2371, as amended. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3101 of this title and Tables.

## STATUTORY NOTES AND RELATED SUBSIDIARIES

### PROHIBITION ON ENTRANCE FEE AT STATUE OF LIBERTY NATIONAL MONUMENT

Pub. L. 100–55, [June 19, 1987](#), 101 Stat. 371, provided: "That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, after the date of enactment of this Act [June 19, 1987], the Secretary of the Interior shall not charge any entrance or admission fee at the Statue of Liberty National Monument, New Jersey and New York."

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

## §6803. Public participation

### (a) In general

As required in this section, the Secretary shall provide the public with opportunities to participate in the development of or changing of a recreation fee established under this chapter.

### (b) Advance notice

The Secretary shall publish a notice in the Federal Register of the establishment of a new recreation fee area for each agency 6 months before establishment. The Secretary shall publish notice of a new recreation fee or a change to an existing recreation fee established under this chapter in local newspapers and publications located near the site at which the recreation fee would be established or changed.

### (c) Public involvement

Before establishing any new recreation fee area, the Secretary shall provide opportunity for public involvement by—

- (1) establishing guidelines for public involvement;
- (2) establishing guidelines on how agencies will demonstrate on an annual basis how they have provided information to the public on the use of recreation fee revenues; and
- (3) publishing the guidelines in paragraphs (1) and (2) in the Federal Register.

### (d) Recreation Resource Advisory Committee

#### (1) Establishment

##### (A) Authority to establish

Except as provided in subparagraphs (C) and (D), the Secretary or the Secretaries shall establish a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee in each State or region for Federal recreational lands and waters managed by the Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management to perform the duties described in paragraph (2).

##### (B) Number of Committees

The Secretary may have as many additional Recreation Resource Advisory Committees in a State or region as the Secretary considers necessary for the effective operation of this chapter.

##### (C) Exception

The Secretary shall not establish a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee in a State if the Secretary determines, in consultation with the Governor of the State, that sufficient interest does not exist to ensure that participation on the Committee is balanced in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed.

##### (D) Use of other entities

In lieu of establishing a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee under subparagraph (A), the Secretary may use a Resource Advisory Committee established pursuant to another provision of law and in accordance with that law or a recreation fee advisory board otherwise established by the Secretary to perform the duties specified in paragraph (2).

## **(2) Duties**

In accordance with the procedures required by paragraph (9), a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee may make recommendations to the Secretary regarding a standard amenity recreation fee or an expanded amenity recreation fee, whenever the recommendations relate to public concerns in the State or region covered by the Committee regarding—

- (A) the implementation of a standard amenity recreation fee or an expanded amenity recreation fee or the establishment of a specific recreation fee site;
- (B) the elimination of a standard amenity recreation fee or an expanded amenity recreation fee; or
- (C) the expansion or limitation of the recreation fee program.

## **(3) Meetings**

A Recreation Resource Advisory Committee shall meet at least annually, but may, at the discretion of the Secretary, meet as often as needed to deal with citizen concerns about the recreation fee program in a timely manner.

## **(4) Notice of rejection**

If the Secretary rejects the recommendation of a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee, the Secretary shall issue a notice that identifies the reasons for rejecting the recommendation to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate not later than 30 days before the Secretary implements a decision pertaining to that recommendation.

## **(5) Composition of the Advisory Committee**

### **(A) Number**

A Recreation Resource Advisory Committee shall be comprised of 11 members.

### **(B) Nominations**

The Governor and the designated county official from each county in the relevant State or Region may submit a list of nominations in the categories described under subparagraph (D).

### **(C) Appointment**

The Secretary may appoint members of the Recreation Resource Advisory Committee from the list as provided in subparagraph (B).

### **(D) Broad and balanced representation**

In appointing the members of a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee, the Secretary shall provide for a balanced and broad representation from the recreation community that shall include the following:

- (i) Five persons who represent recreation users and that include, as appropriate, persons representing the following:
  - (I) Winter motorized recreation, such as snowmobiling.
  - (II) Winter non-motorized recreation, such as snowshoeing, cross country and down hill skiing, and snowboarding.
  - (III) Summer motorized recreation, such as motorcycles, boaters, and off-highway vehicles.
  - (IV) Summer nonmotorized recreation, such as backpacking, horseback riding, mountain biking, canoeing, and rafting.
  - (V) Hunting and fishing.
  
- (ii) Three persons who represent interest groups that include, as appropriate, the following:
  - (I) Motorized outfitters and guides.
  - (II) Non-motorized outfitters and guides.
  - (III) Local environmental groups.
  
- (iii) Three persons, as follows:
  - (I) State tourism official to represent the State.
  - (II) A person who represents affected Indian tribes.
  - (III) A person who represents affected local government interests.

## **(6) Term**

### **(A) Length of term**

The Secretary shall appoint the members of a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee for staggered terms of 2 and 3 years beginning on the date that the members are first appointed. The Secretary may reappoint members to subsequent 2- or 3-year terms.

**(B) Effect of vacancy**

The Secretary shall make appointments to fill a vacancy on a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee as soon as practicable after the vacancy has occurred.

**(C) Effect of unexpected vacancy**

Where an unexpected vacancy occurs, the Governor and the designated county officials from each county in the relevant State shall provide the Secretary with a list of nominations in the relevant category, as described under paragraph (5)(D), not later than two months after notification of the vacancy. To the extent possible, a vacancy shall be filled in the same category and term in which the original appointment was made.

**(7) Chairperson**

The chairperson of a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee shall be selected by the majority vote of the members of the Committee.

**(8) Quorum**

Eight members shall constitute a quorum. A quorum must be present to constitute an official meeting of a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee.

**(9) Approval procedures**

A Recreation Resource Advisory Committee shall establish procedures for making recommendations to the Secretary. A recommendation may be submitted to the Secretary only if the recommendation is approved by a majority of the members of the Committee from each of the categories specified in paragraph (5)(D) and general public support for the recommendation is documented.

**(10) Compensation**

Members of the Recreation Resource Advisory Committee shall not receive any compensation.

**(11) Public participation in the Recreation Resource Advisory Committee**

**(A) Notice of meetings**

All meetings of a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee shall be announced at least one week in advance in a local newspaper of record and the Federal Register, and shall be open to the public.

**(B) Records**

A Recreation Resource Advisory Committee shall maintain records of the meetings of the Recreation Resource Advisory Committee and make the records available for public inspection.

**(12) Federal Advisory Committee Act**

A Recreation Resource Advisory Committee is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

**(e) Miscellaneous administrative provisions regarding recreation fees and recreation passes**

**(1) Notice of entrance fees, standard amenity recreation fees, and passes**

The Secretary shall post clear notice of any entrance fee, standard amenity recreation fee, and available recreation passes at appropriate locations in each unit or area of a Federal land management agency where an entrance fee or a standard amenity recreation fee is charged. The Secretary shall include such notice in publications distributed at the unit or area.

**(2) Notice of recreation fee projects**

To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall post clear notice of locations where work is performed using recreation fee or recreation pass revenues collected under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title VIII, §804, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3382.)

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (a), (b), (d)(1)(B), and (e)(2), was in the original "this Act", and was translated as reading "this title", meaning title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108–447, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3377, known as the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. For complete classification of title VIII to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6801 of this title and Tables.

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (d)(12), is Pub. L. 92–463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

## CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Resources of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Natural Resources of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007.

### **§6804. Recreation passes**

#### **(a) America the Beautiful—the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass**

##### **(1) Availability and use**

The Secretaries shall establish, and may charge a fee for, an interagency national pass to be known as the "America the Beautiful—the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass", which shall cover the entrance fee and standard amenity recreation fee for all Federal recreational lands and waters for which an entrance fee or a standard amenity recreation fee is charged.

##### **(2) Image competition for recreation pass**

The Secretaries shall hold an annual competition to select the image to be used on the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass for a year. The competition shall be open to the public and used as a means to educate the American people about Federal recreational lands and waters.

##### **(3) Notice of establishment**

The Secretaries shall publish a notice in the Federal Register when the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass is first established and available for purchase.

##### **(4) Duration**

The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass shall be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of the issuance of the recreation pass to a passholder, except in the case of the age and disability discounted passes issued under subsection (b).

##### **(5) Price**

The Secretaries shall establish the price at which the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass will be sold to the public.

##### **(6) Sales locations and marketing**

###### **(A) In general**

The Secretary shall sell the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass at all Federal recreational lands and waters at which an entrance fee or a standard amenity recreation fee is charged and at such other locations as the Secretaries consider appropriate and feasible.

###### **(B) Use of vendors**

The Secretary may enter into fee management agreements as provided in section 6805 of this title.

###### **(C) Marketing**

The Secretaries shall take such actions as are appropriate to provide for the active marketing of the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass.

##### **(7) Administrative guidelines**

The Secretaries shall issue guidelines on administration of the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass, which shall include agreement on price, the distribution of revenues between the Federal land management agencies, the sharing of costs, benefits provided, marketing and design, adequate documentation for discounts under subsection (b), and the issuance of that recreation pass to volunteers. The Secretaries shall take into consideration all relevant visitor and sales data available in establishing the guidelines.

##### **(8) Development and implementation agreements**

The Secretaries may enter into cooperative agreements with governmental and nongovernmental entities for the development and implementation of the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Program.

##### **(9) Prohibition on other national recreation passes**

The Secretary may not establish any national recreation pass, except as provided in this section.

#### **(b) Discounted passes**

##### **(1) Age discount**

(A) The Secretary shall make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available to any United States citizen or person domiciled in the United States who is 62 years of age or older, if the citizen or person



provides adequate proof of such age and such citizenship or residency. The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass made available under this paragraph shall be available—

(i) for a period of 12 months from the date of the issuance, at a cost of \$20; and

(ii) for the lifetime of the passholder, at a cost equal to the cost of the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass purchased under subsection (a).

(B) The Secretary shall issue a pass under subparagraph (A)(ii), for no additional cost, to any individual who provides evidence, under policies and guidelines determined by the Secretary, that the individual has purchased a pass under subparagraph (A)(i) for each of the 4 years prior to being issued a pass under this subparagraph.

### **(2) Disability discount**

The Secretary shall make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available, without charge and for the lifetime of the passholder, to the following:

(A) Any United States citizen or person domiciled in the United States who has been medically determined to be permanently disabled, within the meaning of the term "disability" under section 12102 of title 42, if the citizen or person provides adequate proof of the disability and such citizenship or residency.

(B) Any veteran who has been found to have a service-connected disability under title 38.

### **(3) Gold Star Families parks pass**

The Secretary shall make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available, at no cost, to members of Gold Star Families who meet the eligibility requirements of section 3.2 of Department of Defense Instruction 1348.36 (or a successor instruction).

### **(c) Site-specific agency passes**

The Secretary may establish and charge a fee for a site-specific pass that will cover the entrance fee or standard amenity recreation fee for particular Federal recreational lands and waters for a specified period not to exceed 12 months.

### **(d) Regional multientity passes**

#### **(1) Passes authorized**

The Secretary may establish and charge a fee for a regional multientity pass that will be accepted by one or more Federal land management agencies or by one or more governmental or nongovernmental entities for a specified period not to exceed 12 months. To include a Federal land management agency or governmental or nongovernmental entity over which the Secretary does not have jurisdiction, the Secretary shall obtain the consent of the head of such agency or entity.

#### **(2) Regional multientity pass agreement**

In order to establish a regional multientity pass under this subsection, the Secretary shall enter into a regional multientity pass agreement with all the participating agencies or entities on price, the distribution of revenues between participating agencies or entities, the sharing of costs, benefits provided, marketing and design, and the issuance of the pass to volunteers. The Secretary shall take into consideration all relevant visitor and sales data available when entering into this agreement.

### **(e) Discounted or free admission days or use**

The Secretary may provide for a discounted or free admission day or use of Federal recreational lands and waters.

### **(f) Effect on existing passports and permits**

#### **(1) Existing passports**

A passport issued under section 100904 of title 54 or title VI of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–391), such as the Golden Eagle Passport, the Golden Age Passport, the Golden Access Passport, and the National Parks Passport, that was valid on the day before the publication of the Federal Register notice required under subsection (a)(3) shall be valid in accordance with the terms agreed to at the time of issuance of the passport, to the extent practicable, and remain in effect until expired, lost, or stolen.

#### **(2) Permits**

A permit issued under section 100904 of title 54 that was valid on the day before December 8, 2004, shall be valid and remain in effect until expired, revoked, or suspended.

(Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title VIII, §805, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3385; Pub. L. 113–287, §5(d)(36), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3267; Pub. L. 114–289, title I, §102, Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1484; Pub. L. 116–205, §2, Dec. 3, 2020, 134 Stat. 996; Pub. L. 116–283, div. A, title VI, §625, Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3677.)

## **EDITORIAL NOTES**

## **REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Section 6805 of this title, referred to in subsec. (a)(6)(B), was in the original a reference to section 6, and was translated as meaning section 806 of title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108–447, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

The National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998, referred to in subsec. (f)(1), is Pub. L. 105–391, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3497. Title VI of the Act was classified generally to subchapter V (§5991 et seq.) of chapter 79 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title VIII, §813(d)(2), Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3391. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

## CODIFICATION

In subsec. (f), "section 100904 of title 54" substituted for "section 4 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965" in two places on authority of Pub. L. 113–287, §6(e), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3272, which Act enacted Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs.

## AMENDMENTS

**2021**—Subsec. (a)(7). Pub. L. 116–283, §625(b)(1), struck out "age and disability" before "discounts". Subsec. (b)(1)(A). Pub. L. 116–283, §625(b)(2)(A), substituted "this paragraph" for "this subsection" in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 116–283, §625(b)(2)(B), which directed the substitution of "this paragraph" for "this subsection", could not be executed due to intervening amendment by Pub. L. 116–205. See 2020 Amendment note below.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 116–283, §625(a), added par. (3).

**2020**—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 116–205 added par. (2) and struck out former par. (2). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: "The Secretary shall make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available, without charge, to any United States citizen or person domiciled in the United States who has been medically determined to be permanently disabled for purposes of section 705(20)(B)(i) of title 29, if the citizen or person provides adequate proof of the disability and such citizenship or residency. The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass made available under this subsection shall be valid for the lifetime of the passholder."

**2016**—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 114–289 designated existing provisions as subpar. (A), struck out ", at a cost of \$10.00," before "to any United States citizen", substituted "shall be available—" and cls. (i) and (ii) for "shall be valid for the lifetime of the pass holder.", and added subpar. (B).

**2014**—Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 113–287, §5(d)(36)(B), struck out "; 16 U.S.C. 5991–5995" after "(Public Law 105–391)".

Pub. L. 113–287, §5(d)(36)(A), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appeared in text as reference to "section 460l–6a of this title" prior to substitution of "section 100904 of title 54". See Codification note above.

## STATUTORY NOTES AND RELATED SUBSIDIARIES

### EVERY KID OUTDOORS ACT

Pub. L. 116–9, title IX, §9001, Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 829, provided that:

"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) FEDERAL LAND AND WATERS.—The term 'Federal land and waters' means any Federal land or body of water under the jurisdiction of any of the Secretaries to which the public has access.

"(2) PROGRAM.—The term 'program' means the Every Kid Outdoors program established under subsection (b)(1).

"(3) SECRETARIES.—The term 'Secretaries' means—

"(A) the Secretary [of the Interior], acting through—

"(i) the Director of the National Park Service;

"(ii) the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;

"(iii) the Director of the Bureau of Land Management; and

"(iv) the Commissioner of Reclamation;

"(B) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service;

"(C) the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and

"(D) the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

"(4) STATE.—The term 'State' means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and any other territory or possession of the United States.

"(5) STUDENT OR STUDENTS.—The term 'student' or 'students' means any fourth grader or home-schooled learner 10 years of age residing in the United States, including any territory or possession of the United States.

"(b) EVERY KID OUTDOORS PROGRAM.—

"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretaries shall jointly establish a program, to be known as the 'Every Kid Outdoors program', to provide free access to Federal land and waters for students and accompanying individuals in accordance with this subsection.

"(2) ANNUAL PASSES.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—At the request of a student, the Secretaries shall issue a pass to the student, which allows access to Federal lands and waters for which access is subject to an entrance, standard amenity, or day use fee, free of charge for the student and—

"(i) in the case of a per-vehicle fee area—

"(I) any passengers accompanying the student in a private, noncommercial vehicle; or

"(II) not more than three adults accompanying the student on bicycles; or

"(ii) in the case of a per-person fee area, not more than three adults accompanying the student.

"(B) TERM.—A pass described in subparagraph (A) shall be effective during the period beginning on September 1 and ending on August 31 of the following year.

"(C) PRESENCE OF A STUDENT IN GRADE FOUR REQUIRED.—A pass described in subparagraph (A) shall be effective only if the student to which the pass was issued is present at the point of entry to the applicable Federal land or water.

"(3) OTHER ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the program, the Secretaries—

"(A) may collaborate with State Park systems that opt to implement a complementary Every Kid Outdoors State park pass;

"(B) may coordinate with the Secretary of Education to implement the program;

"(C) shall maintain a publicly available website with information about the program;

"(D) may provide visitor services for the program; and

"(E) may support approved partners of the Federal land and waters by providing the partners with opportunities to participate in the program.

"(4) REPORTS.—The Secretary, in coordination with each Secretary described in subparagraphs (B) through (D) of subsection (a)(3), shall prepare a comprehensive report to Congress each year describing—

"(A) the implementation of the program;

"(B) the number and geographical distribution of students who participated in the program;

and

"(C) the number of passes described in paragraph (2)(A) that were distributed.

"(5) SUNSET.—The authorities provided in this section, including the reporting requirement, shall expire on the date that is 7 years after the date of enactment of this Act [Mar. 12, 2019]."

## **AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL NATIONAL PARKS AND FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LANDS PASS PROGRAM**

Pub. L. 113–121, [title I, §1048, June 10, 2014](#), 128 Stat. 1257, provided that: "The Secretary [of the Army] may participate in the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass program in the same manner as the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Reclamation, including the provision of free annual passes to active duty military personnel and dependents."

### **§6805. Cooperative agreements**

#### **(a) Fee management agreement**

Notwithstanding chapter 63 of title 31, the Secretary may enter into a fee management agreement, including a contract, which may provide for a reasonable commission, reimbursement, or discount, with the following entities for the following purposes:

(1) With any governmental or nongovernmental entity, including those in a gateway community, for the purpose of obtaining fee collection and processing services, including visitor reservation services.

(2) With any governmental or nongovernmental entity, including those in a gateway community, for the purpose of obtaining emergency medical services.

(3) With any governmental entity, including those in a gateway community, to obtain law enforcement services.

#### **(b) Revenue sharing**

A State or legal subdivision of a State that enters into an agreement with the Secretary under subsection (a) may share in a percentage of the revenues collected at the site in accordance with that fee management agreement.

**(c) County proposals**

The Secretary shall consider any proposal submitted by a county to provide services described in subsection (a). If the Secretary decides not to enter into a fee management agreement with the county under subsection (a), the Secretary shall notify the county in writing of the decision, identifying the reasons for the decision. The fee management agreement may include cooperative site planning and management provisions.

(Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title VIII, §806, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3387.)

## **§6806. Special account and distribution of fees and revenues**

**(a) Special account**

The Secretary of the Treasury shall establish a special account in the Treasury for each Federal land management agency.

**(b) Deposits**

Subject to subsections (c), (d), and (e), revenues collected by each Federal land management agency under this chapter shall—

- (1) be deposited in its special account; and
- (2) remain available for expenditure, without further appropriation, until expended.

**(c) Distribution of recreation fees and single-site agency pass revenues**

**(1) Local distribution of funds**

**(A) Retention of revenues**

Not less than 80 percent of the recreation fees and site-specific agency pass revenues collected at a specific unit or area of a Federal land management agency shall remain available for expenditure, without further appropriation, until expended at that unit or area.

**(B) Reduction**

The Secretary may reduce the percentage allocation otherwise applicable under subparagraph (A) to a unit or area of a Federal land management agency, but not below 60 percent, for a fiscal year if the Secretary determines that the revenues collected at the unit or area exceed the reasonable needs of the unit or area for which expenditures may be made for that fiscal year.

**(2) Agency-wide distribution of funds**

The balance of the recreation fees and site-specific agency pass revenues collected at a specific unit or area of a Federal land management and not distributed in accordance with paragraph (1) shall remain available to that Federal land management agency for expenditure on an agency-wide basis, without further appropriation, until expended.

**(3) Other amounts**

Other amounts collected at other locations, including recreation fees collected by other entities or for a reservation service, shall remain available, without further appropriation, until expended in accordance with guidelines established by the Secretary.

**(d) Distribution of National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass revenues**

Revenues collected from the sale of the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass shall be deposited in the special accounts established for the Federal land management agencies in accordance with the guidelines issued under section 6804(a)(7) of this title.

**(e) Distribution of regional multientity pass revenues**

Revenues collected from the sale of a regional multientity pass authorized under section 6804(d) of this title shall be deposited in each participating Federal land management agency's special account in accordance with the terms of the region multientity pass agreement for the regional multientity pass.

(Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title VIII, §807, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3388.)

### **EDITORIAL NOTES**

### **REFERENCES IN TEXT**

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original "this Act", and was translated as reading "this title", meaning title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108–447, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3377, known as the Federal

Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. For complete classification of title VIII to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6801 of this title and Tables.

Section 6804 of this title, referred to in subsecs. (d) and (e), was in the original a reference to section 5, and was translated as meaning section 805 of title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108–447, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

## §6807. Expenditures

### (a) Use of fees at specific site or area

Amounts available for expenditure at a specific site or area—

- (1) shall be accounted for separately from the amounts collected;
- (2) may be distributed agency-wide; and
- (3) shall be used only for—
  - (A) repair, maintenance, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety;
  - (B) interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs;
  - (C) habitat restoration directly related to wildlife-dependent recreation that is limited to hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or photography;
  - (D) law enforcement related to public use and recreation;
  - (E) direct operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program; and
  - (F) a fee management agreement established under section 6805(a) of this title or a visitor reservation service.

### (b) Limitation on use of fees

The Secretary may not use any recreation fees for biological monitoring on Federal recreational lands and waters under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 [16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.] for listed or candidate species.

### (c) Administration, overhead, and indirect costs

The Secretary may use not more than an average of 15 percent of total revenues collected under this chapter for administration, overhead, and indirect costs related to the recreation fee program by that Secretary.

### (d) Transitional exception

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Secretary may use amounts available in the special account of a Federal land management agency to supplement administration and marketing costs associated with—

- (1) the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass during the 5-year period beginning on the date the joint guidelines are issued under section 6804(a)(7) of this title; and
- (2) a regional multientity pass authorized section 6804(d) of this title during the 5-year period beginning on the date the regional multientity pass agreement for that recreation pass takes effect.

(Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title VIII, §808, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3388; Pub. L. 111–11, title VII, §7116(h), Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1203.)

## EDITORIAL NOTES

### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, referred to in subsec. (b), is Pub. L. 93–205, Dec. 28, 1973, 87 Stat. 884, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 35 (§1531 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1531 of this title and Tables.

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (c) and (d), was in the original "this Act", and was translated as reading "this title", meaning title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108–447, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3377, known as the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. For complete classification of title VIII to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6801 of this title and Tables.

Section 6804 of this title, referred to in subsec. (d), was in the original a reference to section 5 and was translated as meaning section 805 of title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108–447, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

### AMENDMENTS

**2009**—Subsec. (a)(3)(F). Pub. L. 111–11, which directed technical amendment in subsec. (a)(1)(F) to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 6805(a) of this title, was executed by making technical amendment in par. (3)(F) to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

## §6808. Reports

Not later than May 1, 2006, and every 3 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report detailing the status of the recreation fee program conducted for Federal recreational lands and waters, including an evaluation of the recreation fee program, examples of projects that were funded using such fees, and future projects and programs for funding with fees, and containing any recommendations for changes in the overall fee system.

(Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title VIII, §809, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3389.)

## **§6809. Sunset provision**

The authority of the Secretary to carry out this chapter shall terminate September 30, 2019.

(Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title VIII, §810, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3389; Pub. L. 113–235, div. F, title IV, §422, Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2449; Pub. L. 114–53, div. B, §134, Sept. 30, 2015, 129 Stat. 509, renumbered div. B, Pub. L. 114–113, §8(3), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2245; Pub. L. 114–223, div. C, §133, Sept. 29, 2016, 130 Stat. 914; Pub. L. 115–56, div. D, §131, Sept. 8, 2017, 131 Stat. 1145.)

### **EDITORIAL NOTES**

#### **REFERENCES IN TEXT**

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original "this Act", and was translated as reading "this title", meaning title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108–447, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3377, known as the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. For complete classification of title VIII to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6801 of this title and Tables.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

**2017**—Pub. L. 115–56 substituted "September 30, 2019" for "September 30, 2018".

**2016**—Pub. L. 114–223 substituted "September 30, 2018" for "September 30, 2017".

**2015**—Pub. L. 114–53 substituted "September 30, 2017." for "on September 30, 2016."

**2014**—Pub. L. 113–235 substituted "on September 30, 2016" for "10 years after December 8, 2004".

Amendment was executed as the probable intent of Congress, notwithstanding error in directory language which referenced the editorial translation of "December 8, 2004" rather than "the date of the enactment of this Act" which appeared in the original.

### **STATUTORY NOTES AND RELATED SUBSIDIARIES**

#### **RECREATION FEES**

Pub. L. 116–260, div. G, title IV, §423, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 1541, provided that: "Section 810 of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6809) shall be applied by substituting 'October 1, 2022' for 'September 30, 2019'."

Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 116–94, div. D, title IV, §425, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2748.

Pub. L. 116–6, div. E, title IV, §427, Feb. 15, 2019, 133 Stat. 264.

## **§6810. Volunteers**

### **(a) Authority to use volunteers**

The Secretary may use volunteers, as appropriate, to collect recreation fees and sell recreation passes.

### **(b) Waiver or discount of fees; site-specific agency pass**

In exchange for volunteer services, the Secretary may waive or discount an entrance fee, standard amenity recreation fee, or an expanded amenity recreation fee that would otherwise apply to the volunteer or issue to the volunteer a site-specific agency pass authorized under section 6804(c) of this title.

### **(c) National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass**

In accordance with the guidelines issued under section 6804(a)(7) of this title, the Secretaries may issue a National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass to a volunteer in exchange for significant volunteer services performed by the volunteer.

### **(d) Regional multientity passes**

The Secretary may issue a regional multientity pass authorized under section 6804(d) of this title to a volunteer in exchange for significant volunteer services performed by the volunteer, if the regional multientity pass agreement

under which the regional multientity pass was established provides for the issuance of the pass to volunteers. (Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title VIII, §811, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3389.)

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 6804 of this title, referred to in subsecs. (b) to (d), was in the original a reference to section 5, and was translated as meaning section 805 of title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108–447, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

## §6811. Enforcement and protection of receipts

### (a) Enforcement authority

The Secretary concerned shall enforce payment of the recreation fees authorized by this chapter.

### (b) Evidence of nonpayment

If the display of proof of payment of a recreation fee, or the payment of a recreation fee within a certain time period is required, failure to display such proof as required or to pay the recreation fee within the time period specified shall constitute nonpayment.

### (c) Joint liability

The registered owner and any occupant of a vehicle charged with a nonpayment violation involving the vehicle shall be jointly liable for penalties imposed under this section, unless the registered owner can show that the vehicle was used without the registered owner's express or implied permission.

### (d) Limitation on penalties

The failure to pay a recreation fee established under this chapter shall be punishable as a Class A or Class B misdemeanor, except that in the case of a first offense of nonpayment, the fine imposed may not exceed \$100, notwithstanding section 3571(e) of title 18.

(Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title VIII, §812, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3390.)

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (d), was in the original "this Act", and was translated as reading "this title", meaning title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108–447, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3377, known as the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. For complete classification of title VIII to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6801 of this title and Tables.

## §6812. Repeal of superseded admission and use fee authorities

### (a) Land and Water Conservation Fund Act

Subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (i) (except for paragraph (1)(C)) of section 4<sup>1</sup> of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 are repealed, except that the Secretary may continue to issue Golden Eagle Passports, Golden Age Passports, and Golden Access Passports under such section until the date the notice required by section 6804(a)(3) of this title is published in the Federal Register regarding the establishment of the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass.

### (b) Recreational fee demonstration program

Section 315<sup>1</sup> of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (as contained in section 101(c) of Public Law 104–134), is repealed.

### (c) Admission permits for refuge units

Section 3911 of this title is repealed.

### (d) National park passport, Golden Eagle Passport, Golden Age Passport, and Golden Access Passport

Effective on the date the notice required by section 6804(a)(3) of this title is published in the Federal Register, the following provisions of law authorizing the establishment of a national park passport program or the establishment and sale of a national park passport, Golden Eagle Passport, Golden Age Passport, or Golden Access Passport are repealed:

(1) Section 502<sup>1</sup> of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–391).

(2) Title VI<sup>1</sup> of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–391).

**(e) Treatment of unobligated funds**

**(1) Land and water conservation fund special accounts**

Amounts in the special accounts established under section 4(i)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 for Federal land management agencies that are unobligated on December 8, 2004, shall be transferred to the appropriate special account established under section 6806 of this title and shall be available to the Secretary in accordance with this chapter. A special account established under section 4(i)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 for a Federal agency that is not a Federal land management area, and the use of such special account, is not affected by the repeal of section 4<sup>1</sup> of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 by subsection (a) of this section.

**(2) National parks passport**

Any funds collected under title VI<sup>1</sup> of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–391) that are unobligated on the day before the publication of the Federal Register notice required under section 6804(a)(3) of this title shall be transferred to the special account of the National Park Service for use in accordance with this chapter. The Secretary of the Interior may use amounts available in that special account to pay any outstanding administration, marketing, or close-out costs associated with the national parks passport.

**(3) Recreational fee demonstration program**

Any funds collected in accordance with section 315<sup>1</sup> of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (as contained in section 101(c) of Public Law 104–134), that are unobligated on the day before December 8, 2004, shall be transferred to the appropriate special account and shall be available to the Secretary in accordance with this chapter.

**(4) Admission permits for refuge units**

Any funds collected in accordance with section 3911 of this title that are available as provided in subsection (c)(A) of such section and are unobligated on the day before December 8, 2004, shall be transferred to the special account of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for use in accordance with this chapter.

**(f) Effect of regulations**

A regulation or policy issued under a provision of law repealed by this section shall remain in effect to the extent such a regulation or policy is consistent with the provisions of this chapter until the Secretary issues a regulation, guideline, or policy under this chapter that supersedes the earlier regulation.

(Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title VIII, §813, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3390; Pub. L. 109–54, title I, §132(a), Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 526; Pub. L. 113–287, §5(d)(37), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3268.)

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Section 4 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (e)(1), was section 4 of Pub. L. 88–578, title I, as added by Pub. L. 92–347, §2, July 11, 1972, 86 Stat. 459, which was classified to former section 4601–6a of this title. Subsecs. (a) to (g) and (i) (except par. (1)(C)) of section 4 were repealed by subsec. (a) of this section. Subsec. (h) of section 4 was previously repealed by Pub. L. 104–66, title I, §1081(f), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 721. Subsecs. (i)(1)(C) and (j) to (n) of section 4 were repealed and restated as section 100904 of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs, by Pub. L. 113–287, §§3, 7, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3094, 3272.

The date the notice required by section 6804(a)(3) of this title is published in the Federal Register, referred to in subsecs. (a), (d), and (e)(2), is Dec. 19, 2006. See 71 F.R. 75935.

Sections 6804 and 6806 of this title, referred to in subsecs. (a), (d), and (e)(1), (2), were in the original references to sections 5 and 7, respectively, and were translated as meaning section 805 and 807, respectively, of title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108–447, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Section 315 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996, referred to in subsecs. (b) and (e)(3), is Pub. L. 104–134, title I, §101(c) [title III, §315], Apr. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 1321–156, 1321–200, which was set out as a note under former section 4601–6a of this title, prior to repeal by subsec. (b) of this section.

The National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998, referred to in subsecs. (d) and (e)(2), is Pub. L. 105–391, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3497. Section 502 of the Act was classified to section 5982 of this title, and title VI of the Act was classified generally to subchapter V (§5991 et seq.) of chapter 79 of this title, prior to repeal by subsec. (d) of this section. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.



This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (e) and (f), was in the original "this Act", and was translated as reading "this title", meaning title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108–447, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3377, known as the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. For complete classification of title VIII to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6801 of this title and Tables.

## AMENDMENTS

**2014**—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113–287, §5(d)(37)(A), which directed amendment of "subsection (A)" by striking out "(16 U.S.C. 460I–6a et seq.)", was executed by striking out that language after "1965" in subsec. (a) to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113–287, §5(d)(37)(B), struck out "; 16 U.S.C. 460I–6a" after "Public Law 104–134".

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 113–287, §5(d)(37)(C)(i), which directed amendment of subsec. (c)(1) by striking out "; 16 U.S.C. 5982", was executed by striking out that language after "(Public Law 105–391" in subsec. (d)(1), to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 113–287, §5(d)(37)(C)(ii), which directed amendment of subsec. (c)(2) by striking out "; 16 U.S.C. 5991–5995", was executed by striking out that language after "(Public Law 105–391" in subsec. (d)(2), to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 113–287, §5(d)(37)(D)(i), struck out "(16 U.S.C. 460I–6a(i)(1))" after "accounts established under section 4(i)(1) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965".

Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 113–287, §5(d)(37)(D)(ii), struck out "; 16 U.S.C. 5991–5995" after "(Public Law 105–391".

Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 113–287, §5(d)(37)(D)(iii), struck out "; 16 U.S.C. 460I–6a" after "Public Law 104–134".

**2005**—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109–54 inserted "(except for paragraph (1)(C))" after "and (i)".

## STATUTORY NOTES AND RELATED SUBSIDIARIES

### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2005 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109–54, title I, §132(d), Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 526, provided that: "This section [amending this section and former section 460I–6a of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 100904 of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs] and the amendments made by this section take effect as of December 8, 2004."

<sup>1</sup> *See References in Text note below.*

## §6813. Relation to other laws and fee collection authorities

### (a) Federal and State laws unaffected

Nothing in this chapter shall authorize Federal hunting or fishing licenses or fees or charges for commercial or other activities not related to recreation, affect any rights or authority of the States with respect to fish and wildlife, or repeal or modify any provision of law that permits States or political subdivisions of States to share in the revenues from Federal lands or, except as provided in subsection (b), any provision of law that provides that any fees or charges collected at particular Federal areas be used for or credited to specific purposes or special funds as authorized by that provision of law.

### (b) Relation to revenue allocation laws

Amounts collected under this chapter, and the existence of a fee management agreement with a governmental entity under section 6805(a) of this title, may not be taken into account for the purposes of any of the following laws:

(1) The sixth paragraph under the heading "FOREST SERVICE" in the Act of May 23, 1908 (16 U.S.C. 500).

(2) Section 13 of the Act of March 1, 1911 (16 U.S.C. 500; commonly known as the Weeks Act).

(3) The fourteenth paragraph under the heading "FOREST SERVICE" in the Act of March 4, 1913 (16 U.S.C. 501).

(4) Section 1012 of title 7.

(5) Title II of the Act of August 8, 1937,<sup>1</sup> and the Act of May 24, 1939 (43 U.S.C. 1181f et seq.)<sup>1</sup>.

(6) Section 869–4 of title 43.

(7) Chapter 69 of title 31.

(8) Section 715s of this title.

(9) The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–393; 16 U.S.C.

500 note),<sup>1</sup> except that the exception made for such Act by this subsection is unique and is not intended to be construed as precedent for amounts collected from the use of Federal lands under any other provision of law.

(10) Section 618a of title 43.

(11) The Federal Water Project Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460I–12 et seq.).

(12) Section 391 of title 43.

(13) The Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.; commonly known as the Mineral Leasing Act).

(14) Section 4(e) of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–263; 31 U.S.C. 6901 note)<sup>1</sup>.

(15) Section 5(a) of the Lincoln County Land Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–298; 114 Stat. 1047).

(16) Any other provision of law relating to revenue allocation.

**(c) Consideration of other funds collected**

Amounts collected under any other law may not be disbursed under this chapter.

**(d) Sole recreation fee authority**

Recreation fees charged under this chapter shall be in lieu of fees charged for the same purposes under any other provision of law.

**(e) Fees charged by third parties**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a third party may charge a fee for providing a good or service to a visitor of a unit or area of the Federal land management agencies in accordance with any other applicable law or regulation.

**(f) Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act**

Revenues from the stamp established under the Act of March 16, 1934 (16 U.S.C. 718 et seq.; commonly known as the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act or Duck Stamp Act), shall not be covered by this chapter.

(Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title VIII, §814, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3392.)

## EDITORIAL NOTES

### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original "this Act", and was translated as reading "this title", meaning title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108–447, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3377, known as the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. For complete classification of title VIII to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6801 of this title and Tables.

Section 6805 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original a reference to section 6, and was translated as meaning section 806 of title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108–447, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

The Act of August 8, 1937, referred to in subsec. (b)(5), probably means act Aug. 28, 1937, ch. 876, 50 Stat. 874. Title II of the Act enacted section 2605 of Title 43, Public Lands, repealed section 1174 of Title 43, and enacted provisions set out as a note under section 2601 of Title 43. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The Act of May 24, 1939, referred to in subsec. (b)(5), is act May 24, 1939, ch. 144, 53 Stat. 753, was formerly classified to sections 1181f–1 to 1181f–4 of Title 43, Public Lands, and provisions set out as a note under section 1181f–1 of Title 43 prior to editorial reclassification, and is now classified generally to subchapter II (§2621 et seq.) of chapter 44 of Title 43. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, referred to in subsec. (b) (9), is Pub. L. 106–393, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1607. Sections 1 to 3 and titles I to IV of the Act were set out as notes under section 500 of this title prior to the repeal and reenactment of sections 1 to 403 of the Act by Pub. L. 110–343, div. C, title VI, §601(a), Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3893–3910. The new sections 1 to 403 of the Act are classified generally to chapter 90 (§7101 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 7101 of this title and Tables.

The Federal Water Project Recreation Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(11), is Pub. L. 89–72, July 9, 1965, 79 Stat. 213, as amended, which is classified principally to part C (§4601–12 et seq.) of subchapter LXIX of chapter 1 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4601–12 of this title and Tables.

The Act of February 25, 1920, referred to in subsec. (b)(13), is act Feb. 25, 1920, ch. 85, 41 Stat. 437, as amended, known as the Mineral Leasing Act, which is classified generally to chapter 3A (§181 et seq.) of Title 30, Mineral Lands and Mining. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 181 of Title 30 and Tables.

Section 4(e) of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998, referred to in subsec. (b) (14), is section 4(e) of Pub. L. 105–263, Oct. 19, 1998, 112 Stat. 2345, which is not classified to the Code.

Section 5(a) of the Lincoln County Land Act of 2000, referred to in subsec. (b)(15), is section 5(a) of Pub. L. 106–298, Oct. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 1047, which is not classified to the Code.

The Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, referred to in subsec. (f), subsequently renamed the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act, is act [Mar. 16, 1934, ch. 71](#), 48 Stat. 451, as amended, which is classified generally to subchapter IV (§718 et seq.) of chapter 7 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 718 of this title and Tables.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

## **§6814. Limitation on use of fees for employee bonuses**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, fees collected under the authorities of the chapter may not be used for employee bonuses.

(Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title VIII, §815, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3393.)

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